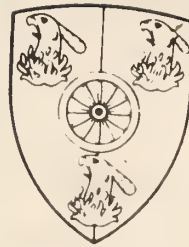




# Spoke



Conestoga College, Kitchener, Ontario, Monday, September 24, 1984

## Support staff workers get new contract

A new contract proposal was accepted by support staff at Conestoga and other Ontario colleges Sept. 17.

Workers at Conestoga's five campuses voted 90 per cent in favor of the contract, sidestepping a possible strike later this month. The other 21 Ontario community colleges voted 76 per cent in favor of the settlement, Kerry Gennings said, president of local 238 of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU).

The 4,800 support staff personnel originally voted 55 per cent in favor of a strike Aug. 14. The 185 workers at Conestoga, however, originally voted 70 per cent against a strike. If a settlement was not reached, Conestoga workers would have been forced off the job because of a provincial law which states all colleges must strike together.

Gennings said the major issue in the talks was job security. This was resolved.

"The contract addresses union concerns about job security by recognizing that full-time jobs are what we're most interested in," Gennings said.

The workers will receive a 25-cents an hour salary increase. According to published reports, the average salary for support staff was \$10.41 an hour before the new contract.

More data about part-time support staff must be provided to the union according to the new contract. Part-time staff was creating "our biggest threat to job security," Gennings said. In the past few years, more part-time staff were hired at lower wages, while the number of full-time staff remained the same.

## Beer-fest spots are going fast

Tickets for Oktoberfest 1984 are going fast and if students expect to attend the festivities they should make arrangements immediately.

"If you still want tickets, you had better move it," Louise Vanderkolfe, of Oktoberfest Inc., said. "Students have their best chance of getting tickets if they are willing to stay in Kitchener throughout the Thanksgiving weekend because the following weekend is nearly completely sold out."

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Students huddle in confusion after police give evacuation order.

## Bomb threat shuts school

Nearly an entire school day was disrupted at the Doon Campus of Conestoga College on September 18 when a bomb threat, which turned out to be a hoax, was phoned in to the college switchboard at about 9:50 a.m.

Police were notified and at 10:30 a.m. evacuated approximately 2,500 students and 500 staff and faculty members. Students were told "an emergency situation" existed and were instructed to leave the building immediately.

The caller did not specify in which one of the four campus buildings the alleged bomb was placed, forcing police to empty all the academic buildings, the early childhood education facility and the sports complex.

Once the evacuation was complete, the police began an extensive search of the premises for the explosive device. A faculty member described the search as "extremely diffi-

cult" because "it's hard to try to find something you don't know the size or shape of."

According to the anonymous caller, the device was to explode at 11:30 a.m., but by noon there had been no explosion.

Students had been told as early as 10:45 a.m. that no classes would be held in the morning hours and they should not return until the afternoon. At approximately 12:15 p.m., an announcement was made declaring all afternoon and evening classes were cancelled.

A previous bomb threat had occurred at Conestoga in 1971, but also turned out to be false. Hespeler Public School in Cambridge had experienced a bomb scare on Sept. 17, but this too was a hoax.

The bomb scare created difficulties for several hundred students, staff, and assorted other persons. Parents of children in the college's Early

Childhood Education complex were notified of the situation and had to come to retrieve the toddlers. Some students were unable to leave the campus because they had evacuated the buildings without their car keys and valuables. Others who had no morning classes arrived in the afternoon only to discover they had come to the college for no reason.

Students in small numbers were permitted to enter the buildings beginning at 12:20 p.m. to retrieve car keys and valuables. Those who wished to claim school books and other small possessions were discouraged from entering.

Apart from the many classes being cancelled, the school cafeteria lost much of its chance to accumulate revenue because the evacuation took place before most students could purchase lunches. A tutoring seminar was also cur-

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## Illiteracy hampers job search

Reading. It is a simple skill most of us take for granted, but for some young people it is an impassable obstacle that seriously hampers the search for employment.

Sharon Kelly, a representative of Youth Employment Services in Cambridge, said literacy difficulties among young job applicants are "becoming a major problem." Kelly said some young people with unacceptable reading levels are "too embarrassed and ashamed of their shortcomings" to admit they have a problem. Often, Kelly claims, applicants for jobs which require various forms to be filled out do not have the basic reading skills to complete the paperwork. The problem of illiteracy is one which must be corrected at an early age to ensure a promising future in the work force.

Although education systems have become more diverse and sophisticated, many young people are still without the basic knowledge of the alphabet and phonics. Kelly said it is imperative that those who do not have sufficient reading skills for the workplace take immediate action to rectify the situation.

Kelly said the potential employers of today's business community are demanding more from employees than ever before. Kelly said "a grade nine or 10 education used to be adequate", but a grade 12 certificate is almost mandatory now.

"Employers want a diploma because it shows that the person has gained experience in all areas of education, not just math and english."

High school students who do not recognize their reading and writing difficulties often fall hopelessly behind in their scholastic achievements, and, not coincidentally, fall behind in their career goals.

Many who do realize their problem, Kelly said, refuse all assistance because they claim it is "charity." According to Kelly, it is up to the people at Youth Employment Services to convince those individuals that their help is not "charity" but special guidance to help with job searching.

Kelly, a former teacher, does not put the blame of student illiteracy on the school systems. She claims "students and parents have to make their concerns known. If there is no feedback, there is an assumption that there are no problems."

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## Drinking age hike is useless

The new Gallop poll shows two-thirds of Canadians want the legal drinking age raised to 21 across the country, but it also shows that most Canadians are unsympathetic and indifferent to the subject of alcohol and young people.

One of the biggest arguments of these 69 per cent of Canadians who favored a higher age limit is that people are more mature at 21 and can handle their alcohol. This argument comes from the basic stereotype of young people: reckless, immature, and lazy. In this type of poll, people seem to forget about the energetic and ambitious young workers and students. They also seem to forget about the middle-aged drunk drivers climbing into their cars. Why is it our society finds an inebriated old man on the street in the daylight amusing, while an intoxicated young person walking home from a nightclub is thought to be disgusting?

The dedicated young workers and students deserve the right to a social drink just as much as the older workers and students. It's hypocritical to place such responsibilities as work or the right to vote on our young Canadians while taking away their right to enjoy a drink.

The present age of majority in Ontario of 19 (18 in Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Alberta and Manitoba) is suitable as it keeps alcohol out of the highschools (as much as possible) while allowing it in colleges and universities in controlled settings.

Because alcohol is so readily accessible, raising the drinking age to 21 would not stop all those under the age from drinking. People will drink whether they're 18 or 21. The only difference is the police would then be able to charge them, including many responsible young Canadians just out for a social drink.

The only way to combat the problems of alcohol abuse and drunk driving are through better educational programs on these subjects for all ages.

## Fluency in English needed

Canada has a proud heritage as a multi-cultural country which which permits the free expression of beliefs and customs that its thousands of immigrants have brought from literally around the globe. However, all Canadians have the right to expect to be served properly by people who can speak one or both of this country's two official languages.

Few things are as infuriating in Ontario as a waitress, receptionist, or any other type of employee not being able to understand one's questions or complaints because they do not have an acceptable command of English. Surely, paying customers are entitled to have a competent company representative to talk to if they are interested in dealing with that particular company. It is common courtesy.

No one speaks totally flawless English. No one is expected to. But one should expect a secretary to be able to comprehend simple questions such as: "What time is my appointment?" or "Is Mr. Jones in his office?"

Now is the time for employers to ensure that all Ontarians are able to deal with English-speaking employees whose job it is to serve the public. It is bad business practice to frustrate potential customers with public servants who can do little more than nod or say hello. To be able to serve the public, proper communication channels must be at hand. This kind of treatment is only fair. Nothing else is really acceptable.

## Health care for out-of-towners

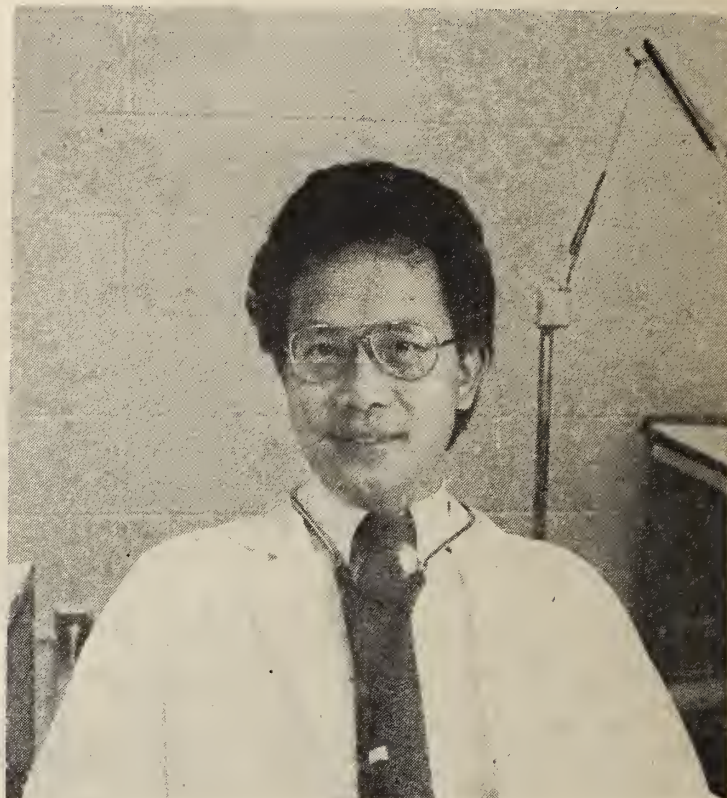
If you have just moved to the area and don't have a family doctor, Conestoga's health service department can help.

Joyce Stormont, R.N., is on staff at the Doon campus from 8:30 to 4:30 every day. A local doctor, Dr. John Kan, is also on campus two half-days per week, Tuesday and Friday mornings. Between the two of them, most health needs can be taken care of. Appointments can be made with the doctor for physical examinations, family planning counselling, or to obtain prescriptions for birth control or antibiotics to fight infection.

The school doctor is covered under OHIP and there is no extra billing. If over 21, you are no longer covered under your parents' OHIP, but are probably eligible for free OHIP as a full-time student. Information on how to get your OHIP number is available in health services.

Health services works closely with the college programs that have strict health criteria, such as the nursing program and early childhood education programs. Because students in these courses have a good chance of being exposed to communicable diseases, health services provides them with immunization at regular intervals.

It's important for students to have an updated health form in the health services office. These forms are issued at the beginning of first year, but students often forget to fill them out. However, in the case of medical emergency at school, this information is vital. Also, if home town is far away, Conestoga may be the only place in the area your medical history can be found if you are in an accident and



Dr. John Kan is available for appointments at Doon twice weekly.

need immediate treatment. The forms are very basic, listing such things as allergies, medication, previous serious illnesses, and particular health problems. If you haven't received or filled out a health form, do it today.

It's also a good idea to drop into the office and introduce yourself to the doctor or nurse if you have a health problem like epilepsy or diabetes. It makes their job a bit easier if they know you have a certain condition before an emergency occurs.

Fee-paying students are automatically covered under the college's accident insurance policy once they are enrolled.

This policy, free of charge to students, covers you while travelling to and from school, while you are engaged in school-related activities, and while you are on field placement. The policy pays for expenses over and above what OHIP covers.

Joyce Stormont stresses that students should feel free to drop in to the office anytime they're not feeling well, because it's hard to do well in school if you're feeling less than great. So, whether you're suffering from terrible stomach pains or just need an aspirin for a tension headache, health services is there for you.

## Pro-rating rents now illegal

On July 27, 1984 a decision was brought down by the Supreme Court of Ontario, which has drastically affected the landlord-tenant relationship between certain landlords and their student tenants. In this written decision Justice J. Potts clarified his view on the matter with reference to Barbara Boyd's lease with Earl and Jennie Lohn Ltd., owners of Waterloo Towers Apartments.

In his statement Justice Potts concluded the arrangement of pro-rated rents in the Boyd lease was contrary to provisions in the Landlord and Tenant Act.

"By making monthly payments of \$129.75 in eight in-

stalments, and requiring payment of an additional \$346.00, the total security deposit accumulated at the end of eight months is equivalent to four months rent and is therefore illegal according to the Act," Justice J. Potts said.

The decision was hailed by the U of W Federation of Students as a major victory in a long, hard-fought battle waged since 1980. The matter was vigorously disputed because of the undue hardship it places on the finances of students at a time when their revenues are at their lowest.

Students who must apply for student aid (about 1 in 3) suffer further hardship because they cannot appeal their

allocation on the basis of a pro-rated rent payment schedule. These students must therefore forfeit the cost of four months rent from allowed living expenditures, a sacrifice normal tenants are not required to make, according to Mitch Retterath, vice-president of the University of Waterloo student federation.

## Threat

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tailed and a strike vote among faculty had to be postponed one day.

Most students seemed unconcerned with the potential danger of the situation and were orderly in their evacuation. Few problems arose, even though many students unsuccessfully tried to re-enter the college before the police declared the situation safe.

The evacuated masses spent much of the early afternoon playing frisbee and catch on the fields surrounding the parking lots, while those in charge of the small children at the early childhood building kept them amused with sing-alongs.

There are no leads pertaining to the caller or the motive behind the prank. Police are continuing their investigation into the incident.

## Literacy

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Problems, of course, do exist. Kelly is "astonished" at how many job applications she has to help young people fill out because they cannot read.

There are several channels one with literacy problems can take to try to correct their difficulties. A local Literacy Council offers training to volunteers who are paired on a one-to-one basis with people who have reading problems. Another program called Operation Open Door encourages those with basic difficul-

ties in math and reading to apply for help on a similar basis.

Special programs are necessary, claims Kelly, who said, "Classes have become larger and individual attention is on the decline. Some people just need to be on a person-to-person level."

"I know it's embarrassing for some people to admit they have a learning problem, but they have to do it or they will fall behind and be another unemployment statistic."

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# Canadian project promotes peace

by Janet Kelly

The Canadian project "Tools for Peace," which in January 1985 will send a ship loaded with material goods from Vancouver to Nicaragua, is an effective example of Canada's role in promoting peace throughout the world.

Nicaragua, a Central American nation, achieved independence from the corrupt Somoza dictatorship in 1979. Since then, they have been creating campaigns to develop and cultivate arable land, to improve educational methods and facilities and to improve health care.

Nicaragua is a nation that has greatly suffered from war. The "Tools for Peace" project hopes to help to create an environment in which Nicaraguans can work peacefully to create a just society.

Volunteer Linda Kellar, at the University of Waterloo became involved in the project after visiting Nicaragua and seeing what they were trying to do.

"It was annoying to see them trying to do the best they could with so little," she said. Kellar would like to see more foreign aid to Nicaragua.

The Canadian project, endorsed by many community leaders, including Mayors Marjorie Carroll of Waterloo, and Dom Cardillo of Kitchener, and supported by churches, unions, community groups, farmers, teachers and health workers stresses the importance of material and economic aid. This is all in contrast to the U.S. who has given millions of dollars in military machinery and personnel to Nicaragua's CIA-backed neighbors.

According to the "Tools for Peace" project, whose main goal is peace, the U.S. approach will only lead to continuing unrest, economic dependency and unnecessary death and destruction. Because of this, the project feels Canada should attempt to build a bridge of understanding between the U.S. and Nicaragua.

In 1981, when the project began, a boat was sent from Vancouver with over \$25,000

worth of material goods. Last year over \$1 million worth of aid was collected in Canada and shipped to Vancouver. This year, organizers, including 20 volunteers from the Kitchener-Waterloo area, are expecting greater commitments from Canadians who are now much more aware of the Nicaraguan struggle.

Nicaragua has made much progress in the last five years. According to Kellar, this progress is due to their own efforts.

"They have made great strides in the field of education," she said. A literacy program has reduced illiteracy to 12 per cent from 52 per cent.

"Health care is now available to all and there are new programs for women and children. Labour movements were dangerous at one time, but now most of the workers are unionized," Kellar said.

The most needed items in Nicaragua include medical supplies (syringes, gauze pads and rolls, and drugs), educational materials (books, films, writing instruments, and A-V), office equipment (desks, typewriters, filing cabinets, and paper), and of course, tools of all types. Monetary donations are also extremely useful and are eligible for tax receipts. Volunteers are also needed to assist with the collection of goods.

All local donations will be stored in K-W until they are shipped to Toronto in early November. By December, the goods will be loaded on the ship in Vancouver and by January they will be received and distributed throughout Nicaragua where they are needed most.

The deadline for donations in the K-W area is October 20. Small items may be dropped off at Global Community Centre, 94 Queen Street South, Kitchener, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

By becoming involved in "Tools for Peace", Canadians can contribute in a tangible way to the improvement of a people's education, health, and pride of self-accomplishment.

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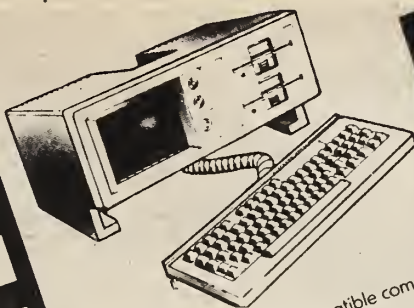
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## Tickets

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At present, the best places to ask for tickets for the first weekend are Karlsberghaus (Kitchener Auditorium), Berg Jodler Haus, Heidelberghaus, Schwitzer Haus, Frieda Haus, and Altes Muenchen Haus (Queensmount).

For the weekdays, tickets are left for Altes Muenchen Haus, Karlsberghaus, Reudeshimer Garten, Seagram Haus, Schwitzer Haus, and Frieda Haus.

Tickets are completely sold out for the Bingeman Park main hall and Alpine Club for the second weekend. But there are over 500 places open for the noon til five p.m. set at Karlsberghaus and Altes Meunchen Haus.

The basic entrance fee for the halls ranges from \$4 to \$6. If a meal is included, the ticket

price is approximately \$18.

Tickets are still available at the Oktoberfest office for the craft and air shows.

There are not many halls left to choose from now, but Vanderkolfe said, "If people would phone in next January or February to reserve tickets, and lay down a 10 per cent deposit, they could have their choice of festhalls."

## Smile

Post office employee to boss: "Sir, may I present Joe Johnson. He's retiring after thirty years in the post office."

Boss: "Well, Johnson, what've you learned after thirty years with us?"

Johnson: "Don't mail my check."



# Doon lights 150 birthday candles

by Angie MacKinnon

An important birthday celebration took place Sunday, September 16 in the community of Doon.

Doon's 'big bash' hosted a celebration marking its sesquicentennial, Ontario's bicentennial and Pioneer Park's 15th anniversary to which more than 1,000 people attended.

It was 300 acres of land on which the village of Doon began. In 1834, Adam Ferrie Jr. moved from Scotland, bought 300 acres of land along with a sawmill and began a few other businesses such as a grist mill, a store, a blacksmith shop and a tavern.

Doon was made famous by one of Canada's greatest landscape artists. Homer Watson made Doon famous by immortalizing its landscapes. Watson was born, raised, and died in Doon. His house still stands in its original place today.

The celebrations began with a parade which started at 2 p.m. at Bechtel Drive and Doon Village Road and finished about 45 minutes later at Doon Public School.

The all-girl Venture Drum and Bugle Corps led the parade which contained old farm tractors, old cars, old firetrucks and the Galt Kiltie Band (a Scottish group wearing their Scottish uniforms), to go along with the original beginnings of Doon, along with many children dressed in styles of 150 years ago.

At Doon public school, some local dignitaries attended the opening ceremonies. They included Mayors Dom Cardillo of Kitchener and Claudette Millar of Cambridge, John Reimer, the newly-elected Tory MP in the Kitchener riding, and Kitchener aldermen Jim Ziegler, Mark Yantzi and Michael Hiscott.

Guest speaker Florence Hammond, author and past

resident of Doon, who wrote her first book at age 65, spoke of her days in Doon. She has written three books - Little Apples Will Grow Again, Little Apples Growing and Mellow are the Apples - all recollections of growing up in Doon. Hammond was born in England, but moved to Doon shortly after the turn of the century.

After the opening ceremonies, many marched to the tune of bagpipes played by Finlay MacLennan, to the side of the school where the tree planting was done to commemorate the birthdays. A black walnut was planted for the early settlers, a white pine for Ontario's history of which the white pine was a very important part, and a maple tree for the people in Pioneer Park. All the trees were donated by John Tilt whose family owned several brickyards in Doon many years ago.

Children were a very big part of the celebrations. There was a bicycle decorating contest where gift certificates were awarded from Music World. Also outdoors, was Children's Corner, a place set up by the Doon branch of the Kitchener Public Library to occupy the children dressed in clothes of 150 years ago.

Indoors, the children from St. Timothy's Separate School performed a play called the 'Life of Homer Watson'.

Activities of all kinds filled the day at Doon school. A baseball game between CKKW radio and the Doon Pirates, a team which was started in 1931, was played for enthusiastic fans. Other outdoor activities included Scottish and highland dancing, as well as a dancefit demonstration.

One of the most interesting spots outdoors was the area where Tom Young of Elora made Scottish scones. He made them not by using measuring cups and spoons, but

with a scale and weights. Spectators, after watching the interesting preparation of the scones, were able to taste the final product free of charge.

Also held was a heritage treasure hunt using photographs which were of places and locations in Doon. People who entered the hunt had to register to get their papers with the questions then proceed to the gym where the pictures and appropriate answers were hung. The prize for the treasure hunt was a picture book of Ontario.

Financing for Sunday's celebration came from three sources. The department of the Secretary of State of Canada, to mark the Bicentennial of Ontario, gave \$1,000; Wintario, through the Ministry of citizenship and culture for the province, gave \$800; and the bicentennial committee of Kitchener (from a grant from the state of Canada to mark the Bicentennial) gave \$1,700.

The birthday bash was organized by the Doon Pioneer Park Community Association under the direction of Jean Haalboom, who was helped by the rest of the Association. Haalboom called the birthday celebration held Sept. 16th, a "smashing success" in her opening ceremony speech.

Doon's sesquicentennial logo was created by Ingrid Vandergaag of Green Valley Drive in Pioneer Park. The subject of the logo was Adam Ferrie's grist mill as it was five years ago.

A mural, The Pioneer Spirit, showing the Pioneer Tower in the background and people in dress of 150 years ago in the foreground, was done by three art students from Cameron Heights.

The only complaint Haalboom received was from people who said there were so many activities that they couldn't participate in or watch them all.



Demonstrations of the day included Scottish and highland dancers.



The bicycle decorating contest for kids brought out a little girl with her "balloon" bike.



The Ventures drum and bugle corps lead the parade for Doon's 150th birthday.



Several colorfully-dressed clowns added a sparkle to the day's festivities.





Neil Chapman (left), Graeme Williamson and Tony Duggan-Smith make up the Orchestra

## Pukka's energy draws crowd

by John Robertson

The music of Pukka Orchestra drew a packed house to the Doon Campus Pub Night on Sept. 20.

Pukka (pronounced puck-a) Orchestra's main nucleus consists of three stalwart performers, Graeme Williamson (vocals), Tony Duggan-Smith (guitar), and Neil Chapman (guitar). These three were accompanied by half-a-dozen other musicians whose instruments varied from the tambourine to the trumpet.

The show featured a well-put-together display of brilliant lights which enhanced the band's performance and got a rise from the crowd. Although the band did not begin its official stage show until well after 9:00 p.m., the gathering was not disappointed and enjoyed the evening

thoroughly.

The band played all the songs expected of them and were more than well-received by the crowd which was obviously familiar with their debut album, simply titled Pukka Orchestra.

Pukka Orchestra is a Toronto-based group that centres on playing high-quality, energetic music. The three mainstays of the group all have a combination of English and Canadian backgrounds. Williams and Duggan-Smith were both born in Canada but raised in England while Chapman emigrated from England to Canada at an early age.

The three met in 1979 "on the fertile new music scene in Toronto" and formed Pukka Orchestra. Since that time, they have received favorable reviews in the Edmonton Journal, The Toronto Sun, and in a syndicated Canadian

Press story.

The name "Pukka Orchestra" derives from an Anglo-Indian adjective meaning "first rate, genuine, thorough, lasting, permanent." Since there were no Anglo-Indians to be found at pub night to verify this translation, we will have to take their word for it.

Pukka Orchestra obviously has a wide scope of appeal, judging by the diversified crowd at the pub. All seemed to be enthralled in the exuberant performance of these fast-rising musicians.

Pukka Orchestra actually seemed to be enjoying themselves while they were on stage, a rarity in the world of show business today. The audience sensed this pleasure and were supportive during the entire performance.

Organizers for this pub night were "very pleased with the turnout."

## Mysterious singer makes second effort

by Mary Dever

Falco, the German singer who sang the world's first German rap song, Der Kommissar, has released a new album that is sung in English, Italian and German, sometimes combining all three languages in the same song!

The album, entitled Junge Roemer (Young Romans), contains lyrics written entirely by the mysterious Falco. His real name is unknown to the public, and guesses range from John DiFalco to Hans Heolzel to John Hudson. Falco's frequent collaborator, Robert Ponger, produced, engineered, and co-mixed the album as well as composed and arranged the music.

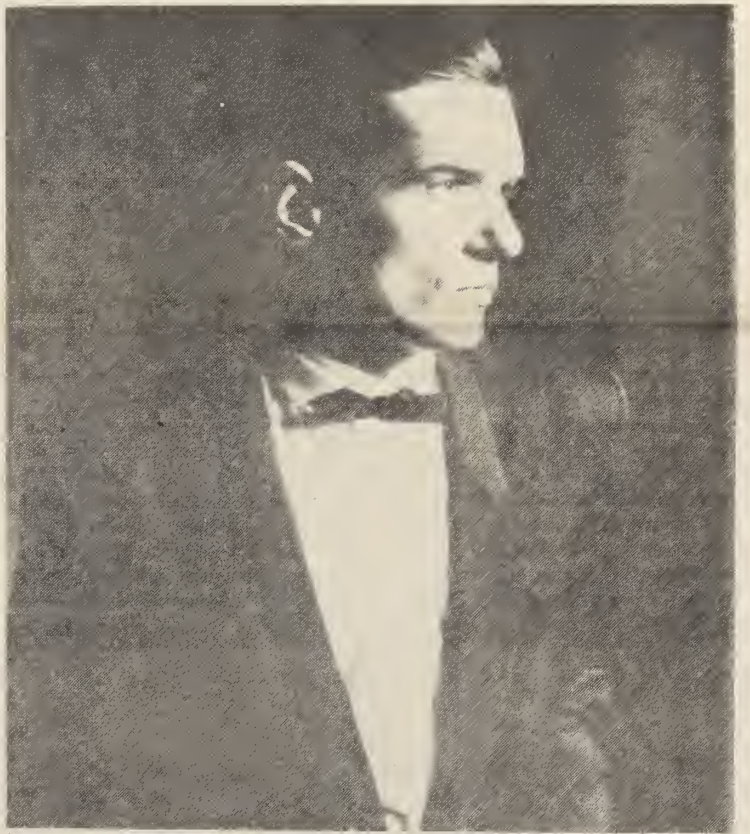
Falco demonstrates his musical versatility in this album. Some songs are all in German, such as Steuermann and Kann Es Liebe Sein, while one is

sung entirely in English. The most amazing songs are those in which he switches languages from verse to verse, or even from line to line, as in Brilliant' Brutal.

Falco's vocal delivery is equally unpredictable, ranging from singing to rapping, occasionally in the space of a single tune.

An added bonus when buying this on cassette is that A&M Records, producers of the album, have switched from using normal-bias tapes to using BASF Pro II chrome. The best part is that there is no increase in the list price of the tape even though the chrome tape is of superior quality and offers better sound reproduction.

Falco's second effort has once again proved that infectious dance music can get people on their feet in any language!



## Nic's offers food and drink

by Mary Dever

If another long break between classes filled with boring euchre games doesn't thrill you, get a few friends together and head over to Nicholson's Tavern, Doon's almost-on-campus pub.

Popularly known as Nic's, the tavern is located on Blair Road between Kitchener and Cambridge. Beside that Nic's is only a five-minute drive from Conestoga, its popularity with the student population can be attributed to the fact it offers food and drink at rock-bottom prices.

If you just want to sit around and have a beer between classes, Nic's prices are fairly low for the K-W area. Draught beer is available for \$.80 and the bottled stuff is \$1.55. For hard-cores, liquor is \$1.50 per shot, and for those with a bit of class, glasses of red and white wine are available at \$2.

If you happen to be starving to death because you spent your grocery money partying on the weekend, Nic's could save you from wasting away completely. They have a variety of food items on their menu ranging from the usual hamburgers and french fries to

more exotic choices like pig tails.

The food is good and cheap. Dinners of spare ribs and schnitzel come with coleslaw, potatoes, and a roll and butter for only \$3.

Nic's is a fairly old bar (looks like circa 1800) but the owners have kept it up-to-date. A video screen features MTV videos, and live entertainment is offered Thursday, Friday

and Saturday nights. For video game fanatics, there are a few tabletop versions to choose from. There are also pool tables. With a bit of practice, who knows, you may be able to win your buddies' last few dollars!

So next time you're moping around the campus with hours to kill, try Nic's. It could be the best solution to the "starving student" blues.

## Students get cheap tickets

The price of theatre tickets is well within the student budget as the Stratford Festival again offers their special student rates.

In the interest of attracting future theatre-goers the Festival is offering tickets to students for one-half the regular price, said Bonita Craig, education assistant at the theatre.

Prices range from \$5.50 to \$7.50 for matinee tickets; \$2.50 to \$10.00 for mid-week evening performances; and \$3.25 to \$12.50 for Wednesday matinees at the Avon theatre.

The special rates apply to Tuesday, Wednesday and

Thursday evenings, and Friday matinees. Those interested should make reservations 14 days in advance.

The most popular plays for students being presented this year at the Festival theatre are Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, Romeo and Juliet, and Merchant of Venice.

Craig said the Avon Theatre is often more popular with younger people because "it is a more casual place to be."

Playing at the Avon at present are A Streetcar Named Desire, by Tennessee Williams, and Terence Rattigan's Separate Tables.

## It's curtains for Curtains

by Heather Ashby

The opening credits for the movie Curtains are the best part of the main attraction. They are definitely the most original part in the film, which features a cast of unknowns.

The story (what little there is of it) begins with an actress competing with six others for the same part. Samantha Eggar, whose acting career consists of the movie The King and I and episodes of Fantasy Island, plays a rather disturbed woman who refuses to deal with the fact she is a washed-up has-been with the mental capacity of a raisin. She wastes the first 15 minutes of the film screaming and sitting in bed wearing a straight jacket.

The story unfolds as the rivalry between the women grows. Pretty tame stuff so far? The calm and boring plot remains mundane until some hatchet-happy freak in a mask (not unlike those in Halloween

and Friday the 13th) goes on a chopping spree.

The producers of this movie must think people are stupid. All the killings are done with as much gore as possible and always with a knife or hatchet, never a gun. And who in their right mind would believe that after one woman disappears, the others are going to stick around to see what happens? Not on your life, buddy!

It is a very predictable film. It contains the usual screaming, stupid music to warn the audience, a lot of phony blood, someone who almost gets away, and of course, someone who thinks they're going crazy.

This is a picture not worth rushing through dinner for. The director ought to be, and probably is, hiding somewhere. Curtains is just another "Let's hack 'em up and see if we can fit them into little Baggies" film. Don't bother with it - you'll just give it the axe.



## PRO SHOP CHANGES DUE TO BOMB SCARE!!!

### THE FASHION SHOW

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This Tuesday Noon  
September 25  
In the cafeteria

School Jackets will go on sale  
October 2 and 4

## MATURE STUDENTS' GET-TOGETHER

Monday - September 24th  
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Conestoga Centre - Upstairs Lounge  
On Monday, September 24th from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. we invite you to attend a get-together for mature students. If you are one of the many students of the College who is returning after being out of school for a period of time, drop in at the Conestoga Centre - Upstairs lounge - to meet each other, share experiences and have some fun.

## OUT-OF-TOWNER GET-TOGETHER

Thursday - September 27th  
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Conestoga Centre - Upstairs Lounge

Some of our students relocate to the Kitchener-Waterloo-Cambridge area to attend Conestoga College. In order to make your new place a home and community, you have to become familiar with people, places and activities. Get together with other out-of-towners on Thursday, September 27th from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the Conestoga Centre upstairs lounge. Drop in to meet some new people and have some fun.

For more information refer students to Student Services and Information Office.

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## Shop wisely

by Heather Ashby

Remember high school when you went shopping with your mother and she would drag you into Bi-Way? It never failed that you would see a friend standing in the mall while you waited at the check-out with Mom.

Those days are gone, but now you're living alone and you can't afford to shop in expensive stores. Your money supply decrees that you can only afford to shop in the places you always hated. Hopefully, all those mortifying trips with Mom taught you something.

Bi-Way isn't the only store that has merchandise within your spending limits. Remember, it's wise to comparison shop. This might take more time, but you'll save money in the long run. Besides, comparing prices is easy, especially if you're shopping in a mall.

Many students wash their hair every day, and because of this, they are avid fans of shampoo. Woolco offered the lowest price for shampoo. A 600 ml bottle of Revlon's Flex is \$2.69. Bi-Way's price was \$2.99 and Boot's Drug Store offered the same item for \$3.49.

Try to make your dollar go as far as your smile. Bi-Way has Crest toothpaste for \$1.39. Boots and Woolco shouldn't get too many buyers with a price of \$2.39 for the same item.

Heaven forbid you should get a cold. But if you do, get your tissue at Woolco, where it's the cheapest. Heaven also forbid your hairstyle should flop! Hairspray works wonders and 255 ml bottle of the house brand will cost you \$2.19 at Woolco. The Woolco brand is really no different than the name-brand stuff that comes from a big-name drug-store, it's just cheaper.

All other hygienic needs, such as Q-tips (please, clean your ears!), deodorant and soap are cheapest at Mom's favorite store, the Bi-Way. Best of all, they're all name brands so you won't have to feel so poverty-stricken!

Bi-Way now offers more in the clothing line than those hideous velour shirts, hooray, hooray! If you're in the market for a new 100% wool sweater, Bi-Way has them for \$10 to \$15.

Woolco's prices for good old jeans are higher than the cost of two pairs of dress pants! Even worse, they are definitely Woolco quality, and don't look like they'd last through four washings. To buy jeans, try a store like Thrifty's and hope for a big sale. Jeans are one item that should never be bought at full price. They are always on sale SOMEWHERE.

If these suggestions for dressing on the cheap don't thrill you, then do something really fashionable. Go home one weekend and go on a safari through Mom or Dad's closet. It's trendy, and it's cheap. After all, who can afford to buy clothes after shopping for the "bare" essentials?

## Question of the Week

"What do you think of the development of a male contraceptive pill?"

"I think it's a good idea if it's the same thing as they're offering us." Kim Drag, Mechanical Drafting, first year.



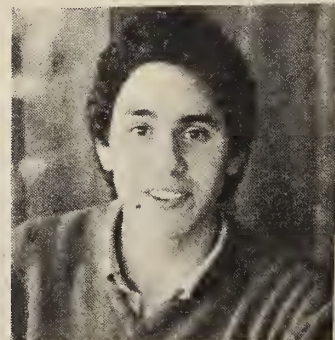
"In certain cases where a woman can't take the Pill, I think the men should have something they can take." Helen Daniel, Mechanical Technology, first year.



"Sure. It's all right because at least we'd know someone has some protection." Bryan Woods, Wood Technician, first year.



"Yeah, I'd take the risk." Don Martin, Wood Technician, first year.



"It's a good idea. The sexual responsibility is two ways." Jerome Smith, Educated Bum.



"Why should all the responsibility be on the female? A pill for males is a good idea." Joyce van der Water, Business Management, first year.





## Front Row Seat

## Gretzky tennis not worth paying for

by John Robertson

Those of you who have been able to catch a glimpse of The Sports Network on Pay-TV have been met with surprises, some good, others bad.

On the positive side there is a program called The Way It Was, an interview show featuring Curt Gowdy and Dick Enberg. The first episode featured the 1936 World Series with Enberg recreating the play-by-play and Gowdy reminiscing with some of the participants. Another wonderful show is Superbouts which replays the great fights of the 1970s and 1980s. On the negative side there is an atrocious spectacle called The Wayne Gretzky Celebrity Tennis Classic.

Ask yourself this simple question: Would you shell out hard-earned bucks to watch John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors play hockey? Of course not. So why would anybody pay to see Wayne Gretzky, Larry Robinson, and a handful of other out-of-season jocks hit tennis balls 20 feet out? Believe it or not, some 1,500 suckers paid upwards of \$10 to sit through a fiasco of colossal proportions.

When one thinks of tennis classics, one might consider the terrific Wimbledon finals between John McEnroe and Bjorn Borg in 1980 and 1981. Both men's semifinals of this year's U.S. Open could even be called "classics." Anyone who considers Fergie Jenkins and Larry Robinson hitting lob balls into the sixth row a "classic" is in dire need of an optometrist.

Sure, I know all the money goes to charitable foundations. But this "tournament" is guilty of false advertising. Calling it a classic is like calling a Toyota a Rolls Royce. The tennis is rotten.

Making the event even more ludicrous is the presence of Fergie Olver, easily the worst big-time sports broadcaster in Canada. Olver treats the TSN viewers to a non-stop monologue of the celebrities' past accomplishments while totally disregarding the tennis matches. Hey, maybe he's smarter than we think!

Try as he might, Fergie just can't carry the tournament to a respectable level. The quality of play is just too low. You could bet the mortgage that the winners of the "B" grouping of the men's doubles tournament at the Cambridge Tennis Club would destroy any twosome at the "classic" 6-0, 6-0.

Judging from the preliminary round of the Canada Cup series, Mr. Gretzky and Mr. Robinson should work on their passing rather than their passing shots and perfect their backhands past goaltenders rather than backhands down the line.

The point of all this is the sports junkies who subscribe to TSN deserve better than travesty tennis. Surely rerunning Superbouts or The Way It Was is far more meaningful than sub-novice tennis matches between hockey players.

How about some real tennis matches, TSN? The Davis Cup semifinals are coming up. Or how about the Australian Open? It is insulting to tennis aficionados to have to put up with matches with as much drama as an I Love Lucy rerun. There are enough filler programs on TSN (such as Sprotsworld International with its emphasis on sumo wrestling and bellyflop diving) without making a joke of tennis as well.



A member of the Cambridge Dirt Riders took to the air in a race last week.

## Bikers ride in Europe

by Todd Mowatt

Two Conestoga College students will be competing in Assen, Holland for the World cup in Motorcycle Enduro racing.

Oleh Petraszko, a second year civil engineering student, and Paul Andratis, a first year

mechanical engineering student at Doon will be competing in the International Six-days Enduro in Holland. The meet begins October 1 and ends October 6.

There are 16 people from across Canada, five of whom are from Southern Ontario. The Canadian team was chosen by Jim Kelly of Hamilton.

To enter the event, riders were required to send a letter of intent and a \$300 bond to the Canadian Motorcycle Association. Each rider then raced in a number of events to qualify.

Petraszko and Andratis were in the top 10 per cent. This won them places on the Canadian team.

The only problem with the event is that each member of the Canadian team must pay his own way because Wintario does not consider Enduro racing a sport, thus it does not deserve a grant.

Petraszko and Andratis figure it will cost them between \$3000 and \$4000 each.

"We have arranged through the courtesy of Huskavarna and Can-Am to rent bikes in

Holland. However, people from British Columbia are required to buy their own new bikes and have them sent over. The whole trip will cost them over \$8000," Petraszko said.

Over the six days Petraszko and Andratis will be required to complete a vigorous 1,600 km journey through bogs, swamps and rivers.

The bikers' competition will be coming from such places as Czechoslovakia, Russia and East Germany.

There are 350 bikers registered in the event out of a possible 500.

The scoring of the Enduro is quite complicated. A rider is given penalty points for coming in late and the rider with the lowest number of points wins. Over-all the team with the fewest penalty points wins the world trophy.

The riders will be competing for individual gold, silver, bronze medals and an over-all trophy for the team with the least number of penalty points. Last year, Canada beat Sweden and the United States to place second in the event.

## Golfers tee off

Conestoga's golf team enjoyed a successful week of tournament play at the Cambrian College Invitational and the Canadore College Invitational team tournaments.

Conestoga finished third out of five competing colleges at the Cambrian event on Sept. 13. The Condors four-man squad of Dan Weichers, Steve Stumpf, Brad Fraser, and Don Campbell combined for a total of 319, just two strokes off second-place Cambrian College. The team from Canadore finished well ahead of its rivals, posting a combined score of 307.

The tournament's individual champion was John Danford of Georgian College. Danford's score of 73 tied him with two other golfers and forced a sudden-death playoff which Danford won on the first extra hole.

The Condor golfers captured the team title the next day at the Canadore College Invitational with a combined score of 338. The host team finished three shots off the pace at 341. Third place went to Georgian College with a combined score of 350.

Individual honors went to Grant Fullerton of Canadore who shot a 77.

According to golf coach Paul Knight, the scores rose dramatically from the first tournament because "the course at Canadore was much tougher."

Knight also said he "was pleased with the team's improvement from last year."

The Condor golf squad takes to the links Sept. 21 at Horse-shoe Valley in Orillia.

## Softball Condors lose

The Conestoga women's softball team saw their first action of the year Sept. 15 when they entered the Sheridan College Invitational Tournament.

The Condors lost their opening game against Seneca by a score of 5-0. Centennial College were victorious in the second game against the Con-

dors, 8-4.

The six-team tournament was divided into two pools. Conestoga, in division B, were up against Seneca and Centennial.

The 17-member team played their first regular season game against Humber College at Budd Park in Kitchener Sept. 20.

## Quick Quips

Howard Cosell updating boxing fans on the condition of Marvin Johnson after he was knocked cold by Michael Spinks: "So the situation is uncertain. It was a devastating KO victory for Michael Spinks and that's the story up to now. Marvin Johnson is on his way to the hospital for observation. Travel arrange-

ments made and a promotional fee paid by United Airlines. United flies more people to Hawaii than any other airline. That's what friendly skies are all about."

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"I'm coming back ... to my senses!" — Muhammad Ali at a reception.

## Win pub tickets!

Can you pick NFL football winners like Jimmy the Greek? If so, you could win yourself a pair of pub tickets courtesy of Spoke and the DSA. Here's all you have to do:

Below are a list of the 14 NFL games to be played on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. Circle the team you think will win each game. Drop off your ballot in the Spoke mailbox before noon on Thursday. The ballot with the most correct picks will be the winner. The winner's name will be posted on the bulletin board beside the Spoke office on Oct. 2.

NFL Week #5  
Sept. 30 and Oct. 1

Dallas at Chicago  
Buffalo at Indianapolis  
Cleveland at Kansas City  
Seattle at Minnesota  
New England at New York Jets  
Miami at St. Louis  
Los Angeles Raiders at Denver

New Orleans at Houston  
New York Giants at Los Angeles Rams  
Detroit at San Diego  
Atlanta at San Francisco  
Green Bay at Tampa Bay  
Philadelphia at Washington  
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh

\* \* One ballot per entrant. In case of tie a random draw will be held by Spoke officials to select the winner.

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# Symphony sells lottery tickets for \$49,000 Jaguar

by Janet Kelly

The holder of the winning Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony Orchestra lottery ticket will be the owner of a brand new white Jaguar XJ-S worth \$49,000.

Holders of the 6000 available

tickets also have the chance to win one of five early bird draws of \$1,000 each, while supporting the KWSO at the same time.

"If we sell all the lottery tickets we will make about \$100,000 which will go towards running the symphony for the

season," said Paddy Lounsbury, director of marketing for the symphony.

With only 6,000 tickets available, at \$30 each, the odds for winning the car, complete with a two-year/64,000 Km warranty or a cash prize are excellent.

Since students are well-known for being short of cash and because \$30 for a ticket may seem high, Lounsbury offered some suggestions.

"Students who buy Wintario or other lottery tickets may want to spend their money on this draw instead. Students could also go in together on a ticket and then split the prize money on the price of the car if they win. The beginning of the school year is probably the best time for the draw since some of the students may have extra money from summer jobs," she said.

The symphony has student rates for concerts including the half-price rate on the upcoming three series show, "The Greatest Hits of the 1700s," held at the University of Waterloo on campus.

The early-bird draws will take place at The Centre In The Square beginning with the Esso Pops concerts featuring Peter Appleyard on Friday and Saturday evenings, September 21 and 22, at the

Masterpiece Series concerts featuring the piano duo of Bouchard and Morisset on Friday and Saturday, October 26 and 27, and at the opening night performance of the Oktoberfest Operetta, The Grand Duchess of Gerolstein on Tuesday, October 9.

The car can be viewed at these concert events as well as at various locations around the twin cities during the next three months.

Along with the car and cash prizes, 30 pairs of Masterpiece series tickets will be given away as early-bird prizes on CFCA-FM 105 radio. Every Thursday between 8 and 9 a.m., two winners will be drawn who will each receive a pair of tickets. CFCA will also announce where the car can be viewed.

The Grand Prize will be drawn at the KWSO's Seagram Pops Christmas concert on Saturday, December 15. Until then the car is in the meticulous care of B.G. Auto of Kitchener.

## SLO-PITCH CHALLENGE MATCH

**THUR.  
SEPT. 27  
7:00 PM  
BUDD PARK**



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vs*

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## Korean veterans reunite

The Korean flag was flying high over the new city hall in Cambridge last week as Mayor Claudette Millar announced the week of September 12-17 Korean Veterans week.

Over 300 Korean war veterans were in Cambridge for a reunion and a rededication ceremony in Preston to honour those Canadians who died in the war.

Over 300 veterans from across Canada attended with their families.

A number of dignitaries

were at the weekend reunion. Among them, were Cambridge M.P.P. Bill Barlow and Cambridge M.P. Chris Speyer.

A special guest was Peter Worthington, formerly a Korean war correspondent.

The veterans were welcomed by area legions who sponsored a number of parades, parties, breakfasts and banquets.

Several Korean immigrants came to celebrate with the Korean veterans and remember those who died gallantly in battle.

## Comedians needed

Do you have a funny school-related story to tell? Or maybe you're a budding photographer who has captured something hilarious on film while trekking about the campus. If you have something you'd like to see in Spoke, drop it into our office and we'll try to fit it in the paper.

Conestoga College

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